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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Gascoyne *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/882,805

Filed: June 14, 2001

For: Method and Apparatus for Combined
Magnetophoretic and Dielectrophoretic
Manipulation of Analyte Mixtures

Group Art Unit: 1753

Examiner: Jeffrey Thomas Barton

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**AMENDMENT; RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 27, 2004;
AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Commissioner:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed October 27, 2004, for which the three-month date for response was January 27, 2005. A request for a two-month extension of time is included in this submission, bringing the due date to March 28, 2005 (March 27 falls on a Sunday).

Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and comments presented below.

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